

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled) A pilot/production, analyzing/curing system comprising:
 - a. at least one infrared heating energy source;
 - b. at least one UV heating energy source;
 - c. conveying means for moving articles to be treated past the energy sources;
 - d. programmable recording/controller for first analyzing the treatment of coating on the coated articles and subsequently controlling treatment of the coated articles in accordance with the previous analysis.
2. (Cancelled) A method of curing coating on articles including the steps of:
 - a. at least one UV heating energy source;
 - b. conveying means for moving articles to be treated past the energy sources;
 - c. programmable recording/controller for first analyzing the treatment of coating on the coated articles and subsequently controlling treatment of the coated articles in accordance with the previous analysis, and
 - d. a temperature monitor for detection of the article temperature.
3. (Previously Withdrawn) A method of curing coating on articles including the steps of:
 - a) heating and analyzing a sample of the article;
 - b) optimizing the heating time, temperature and energy for the best cure of the article; and
 - c) submitting the article to the optimized parameters to cure the coating on the article.

4. (Previously Withdrawn) A method of curing coating on articles including the steps of:
 - a) heating the article with an infrared energy source; and
 - b) curing the coating on the article using an ultraviolet energy source.
5. (Previously Withdrawn) A method of curing coatings on articles using a high intensity short wavelength energy source including the steps of:
 - a) pulsing the energy source to penetrate the coating and heat the substrate for the coating, in addition to heating the coating from one side, resulting in the substrate in turn heating the coating from the other side; and
 - b) preventing the coating from heating the substrate by maintaining the substrate above the coating temperature whereby uniform heating and curing of the coating is accomplished.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 including a second infrared heating energy source.
7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 including a second UV heating energy source.
8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 wherein the conveying means is a belt.
9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the first and second infrared heating energy sources are zoned separately.
10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 wherein the infrared and UV sources are in-line.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 wherein the energy sources have variable power settings.
12. (Cancelled) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the variable power settings are capable of short, medium and long wavelength.
13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 7 8 wherein the belt is reversible in drive direction.
14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 6 wherein the IR energy sources are capable of providing 100 watts sq.in.
15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 wherein the controller can record coating temperatures.
16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 wherein the ~~recording~~/controller can record substrate temperatures.
17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 36 wherein the ~~recording~~/controller can record energy source voltage.
18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16 17 wherein the ~~recording~~/controller can record IR source voltage.
19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16 17 wherein the ~~recording~~/controller can record UV source temperatures.

20. (Cancelled) The apparatus of claim 1 including cold mirror IR cut filters for minimizing radiated IR energy.
21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the UV energy source is capable of providing 600 watt/ sq. in.
22. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 2,3, or 4 including the step of:
 - a.) generating a substrate/coating interface temperature sufficient to result in a wetting action at the interface between the coating and the substrate to enhance adhesion of coating of substrate.
23. (Previously Withdrawn)) The method of claim 21, wherein the wetting action occurs before curing of the coating.
24. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, 3, or 4, including the step of providing hot air to the coating surface to simulate convection heating in maintaining the coating surface temperature.
25. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, 3, or 4, including the step of preheating a powder coat to gel temperature prior to exposure to curing energy
26. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 24 wherein the article is transferred in an in-line process.
27. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 wherein the energy source is short wavelength IR and programmed to line speed for energy level and time of process.

28. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 26 wherein the energy source is 100 watts/sq. in.
29. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 24 wherein the curing energy is an UV source.
30. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 2,3 or 4 including the step of selecting coating surface temperature as an input command signal for closed loop temperature control.
31. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein the energy source is 600 watts/sq. in.
32. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 2,3 or 4 using short wavelength as the energy source to penetrate the coating surface.
33. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, including the step of penetrating to the coating substrate with the short wavelength energy sources.
34. (Previously Withdrawn) A multipurpose high intensity energy source single zone curing stating having:
 - a) Short wavelength ability
 - b) Medium wavelength heating ability
 - c) Long wavelength heating ability.
35. (Cancelled) A pilot/production, analyzing/curing system comprising:
at least one infrared heating energy source, wherein said at least one infrared heating energy source is selectively programmable to produce short, medium, and long wavelength infrared energy;

at least one UV heating energy source;
conveying means for moving coated articles to be treated past the at least one infrared heating energy source and the at least one UV heating energy source;
a programmable controller for controlling heating energy introduced to the coated article;
and
a temperature monitor for detection of an article temperature.

36. (New) A pilot/production, analyzing/curing system comprising:
at least one infrared heating energy source, wherein said at least one infrared heating energy source is selectively programmable to produce short, medium, and long wavelength infrared energy;
at least one UV heating energy source;
conveying means for moving coated articles to be treated past the at least one infrared heating energy source and the at least one UV heating energy source;
a programmable controller for controlling heating energy introduced to the coated article;
and
a temperature monitor for detection of an article temperature.

37. (New) The pilot/production, analyzing/curing system of claim 36, wherein the programmable controller is operatively communicated with both the infrared heating energy source and the UV heating energy source.

38. (New) The pilot/production, analyzing/curing system of claim 36, wherein the programmable controller is operatively communicated with the temperature monitor.

39. (New) The pilot/production, analyzing/curing system of claim 38, wherein the programmable controller is operatively communicated with the conveying means.

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40. (New) The pilot/production, analyzing/curing system of claim 39, wherein the at least one infrared heating energy source and the at least one UV heating energy source have variable power settings.